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FROM: Frank J. Filas, Reclamation Engineer

RE: Site Inspection - M/041/009, D/039/006, D/041/003 - Georgia Pacific Gypsum Quarries

On June 11, 1987, Frank Filas, Frank Jensen, and David Wham met with a contingent of Georgia Pacific Representatives (David Corkill, David Moody, Bill Carter, Vance and Bob). We toured their quarry operations which are extensive. Up to this time, there has been no mine reclamation. In most cases, reclamation can be achieved by grading the piles of waste back into the quarried area, scarifying, and seeding.

It was agreed that Georgia Pacific would reclaim most, if not all, of the Mayfield Quarry (D/039/006) this fall. The quarry currently covers at least six acres, and has reserves that are expected to be exhausted by the end of the year. The Division will not require a mine permit and bond for the site as long as it is adequately reclaimed.

In the Sigurd area, there are three quarry areas that have been mined out since May, 1975, and will require reclamation. These areas are the King's Meadow Claims, Western Claims (southern area), and the Western Claims (northern area). In all three cases, Georgia Pacific mined most of the areas that they had proposed in their June, 1977 plan.

The only areas in the original permit (M/041/009) that are still being mined are the Crescent Claims. The lower portion (west side) has been mined out, but the upper Crescent is being actively mined. Reserves are expected to last an additional three or four years.

In 1984, Georgia Pacific opened up an additional quarry (D/041/003) across the road from the King's Meadow claims. This quarry (Western 40 and 41 claims) covers approximately six acres and holds an additional three to four years of reserves. It was agreed that this area would be incorporated into the original mine permit (M/041/009).

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It was mutually agreed that the Division would send Georgia Pacific recommendations on completing the permit requirements. In the meanwhile, Georgia Pacific will begin reclamation of the Mayfield quarry (to be done no later than the end of the first quarter of 1988).

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